ORDINANCE NO. 2665

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING, FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD, FOR THE POSTPONING OF MEETINGS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND FOR THE SUSPENDING OF DEADLINES IMPOSED BY CITY CODE OR ORDINANCE THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OR TO CITY STAFF

- WHEREAS, S.C. Code section 5-7-250(d) authorizes Council to adopt emergency ordinances (with certain limitations not applicable to this Ordinance) for a limited period of up to sixty days; and
- WHEREAS, the current coronavirus pandemic has created an emergency for our City and our Nation such that the Council, in the exercise of its statutory authority, believes it to be in the public interest, and in the interest of the effective operation of the City government, to provide, for a temporary period, for the postponing of meetings of City Boards and Commissions and for the suspension of deadlines imposed by the City Code or City ordinances that are applicable to the City government or to City staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

- All meetings and hearings of City Boards and Commissions are postponed through April 30, 2020, and until further notice, and are to be rescheduled, if and as needed, to a date and time to be determined and appropriately noticed. Unless the County, by formal action, objects, this provision also shall apply to all joint boards and commissions of the City and County.
- All deadlines for action imposed by the City Code or City ordinances, including but not limited to planning and zoning codes and ordinances, that are applicable to the City government or to City staff are suspended for the temporary period through April 30, 2020, and the time to respond to any such deadlines shall begin with the end of such temporary period.

This Ordinance, as an emergency ordinance, shall become effective immediately upon Council approval on one reading, and shall expire automatically as of May 1, 2020.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 17^{TH} DAY OF MARCH 2020.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mayor Joseph T. McElveen

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ATTEST:

Linda Hammett, City Clerk

Date of Reading: March 17, 2020